

Idaho Board of Nursing Philosophy of Education Regulation

In fulfilling its Mission to safeguard the public health, safety and welfare, the Idaho Board of Nursing is committed to conscientious regulation and approval of nursing education programs. To assure that nurse graduates are prepared to provide safe and effective care the Board establishes standards, criteria and curriculum requirements for education programs preparing persons for the practice of nursing, and for enhancing the knowledge and skills of those in practice (Nursing Education for Professional and Practical Nurses, Purpose of Approval, IDAPA 23.01.01.601). With the public's best interest in mind the Board dedicates itself to a philosophy of nursing education regulation that will provide guidance, continuity and stability in the evaluation of nursing education programs.

Rules that govern the regulation of nursing programs do not occur in a vacuum. There are myriad factors affecting nursing education in Idaho. The Board's beliefs about nursing education regulation stem from an awareness of the changing healthcare environment. We view our Mission with an eye to the needs of the Idaho community, as well as national and global trends. We recognize that external factors and scarce resources can affect the design and delivery of nursing education. The Board is keenly aware that a nursing education program should not be evaluated in isolation, but also with a view of its impact on nursing education in the community and the state.

The Board is supportive of evidence-based innovative education strategies and welcomes the opportunity to participate in or facilitate nursing education research. It also encourages clear and comprehensive strategies for students who wish to progress through the continuum of nursing education. Additionally, the Board believes that collaboration with accrediting bodies, practice facilities, professional organizations and other healthcare disciplines can be advantageous when seeking solutions to nursing education challenges. The Board will always strive to assess new and ongoing nursing education programs with an open mind and a consistent focus on our Mission. In doing so, the Board will endeavor to seek out recognized authorities, guidelines and established standards when approving and evaluating programs to meet the nursing healthcare needs of Idahoans.